NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons, dated 22 April 1884;—*for*,

"RETURN of the COMMISSIONERS of NATIONAL EDUCATION in *Ireland*, showing—

(1.) The Name of each Commissioner, and the Aggregate Number of each Religious Denomination in the Commission;

(2.) The Number of Attendances made by each at (a.) the Ordinary and (b.) Special Meetings of the Board during the Twelve Months ended the 31st day of March 1884;

(3.) The Dates on which (a.) Ordinary and (b.) Special Meetings were held, and the Names of Commissioners present on each Occasion;

(4.) The Number necessary to constitute a Quorum (if any), and the Number of Occasions (if any) on which the Attendance of Commissioners fell short of this Number:"

"And, Copy of any Minutes or Regulations of the Board defining the Constitution, Duties, and Powers of Sub-Committees."

Office of National Education, Dublin, 20 May 1884.

W. H. NEWELL, Secretary.

— 1. —

The Name of each Commissioner, and the Aggregate Number of each Religious Denomination in the Commission.

His Grace the Duke of Leinster.
Right Hon. Lord O'Hagan, K.P.
Right Hon. Mr. Justice Lawson, LL.D.
Sir John Lentaigne, C.B.
Hon. Mr. Justice O'Hagan.
Right Hon. Lord Fitzgerald.
James W. Murland Esq., A.M.
Right Hon. Lord Chief Justice Morris.
Rev. Charles L. Morell.
Rev. J. H. Jellett, D.D., Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.
Most Reverend Marcus G. Beresford, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland.
Right Hon. Viscount Monck, G.C.M.G.
Sir Patrick Joseph Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
Right Hon. Viscount Gormanston.
Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S.
Right Hon. W. H. F. Cogan, D.L.
Edmond G. Dease, Esq., J.P.
Rev. Hugh Hanna.
David Ross, Esq., LL.D., Q.C.
[One vacancy.]

Aggregate Number of each Religious Denomination in the Commission.

Roman Catholics	10
Late Established Church	5
Presbyterians	3
Unitarians	1

[One vacancy.]

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— 2. —

The Number of Attendances made by each Commissioner at (a) Ordinary and (b) Special Meetings of the Board during the Twelve Months ended the 31st day of March 1884.

Names of Commissioners.	Number of Attendances at Ordinary Meetings of Board.	Names of Commissioners.	Number of Attendances at Ordinary Meetings of Board.
His Grace the Duke of Leinster - - -	11	Right Hon. and Most Rev. Marcus G. Beresford, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland.	2
Right Hon. Lord O'Hagan, K.P. - - -	1	Right Hon. Viscount Monck, G.C.M.G. - -	—
Right Hon. Mr. Justice Lawson, LL.D. -	3	Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.	34
Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. - - - -	24	Right Hon. Viscount Gormanston - -	—
Hon. Mr. Justice O'Hagan - - -	2	Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. - - -	16
Right Hon. Lord Fitzgerald - - -	1	Right Hon. W. H. F. Cogan, D.L. - -	4
James W. Murland, Esq., A.M. - - -	13	E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. - - - -	20
Right Hon. Lord Chief Justice Morris -	2	Rev. Hugh Hanna - - - - -	17
Rev. Charles L. Morell - - - -	37	David Ross, Esq., LL.D., Q.C. - - -	13
The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin -	28		

Note—There were no Special Meetings of the Board during the Year.

— 3. —

The Dates on which (a) Ordinary and (b) Special Meetings were held, and the Names of Commissioners present on each Occasion.

Dates of Ordinary Meetings.	Names of Commissioners Present.	Dates of Ordinary Meetings.	Names of Commissioners Present.
1883:		1883:	
3 April -	Right Hon. Lord O'Hagan, K.P. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Lawson. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Right Hon. and Most Rev. Marcus G. Beresford, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.	1 May -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
10 April -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Right Hon. W. H. F. Cogan, D.L. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.	8 May -	Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
17 April -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna. David Ross, Esq., LL.D., Q.C. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.	22 May -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. J. W. Murland, Esq. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
24 April -	Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.	29 May -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.

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3.—The Dates on which (a) Ordinary and (b) Special Meetings were held, &c.—*continued.*

Dates of Ordinary Meetings.	Names of Commissioners present.
1883:	
5 June -	J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. David Ross, Esq. Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
12 June -	J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
19 June -	J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B. Resident Commissioner.
26 June -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
3 July -	J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
17 July -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. Rev. Hugh Hanna.
31 July -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. James W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna.
14 August -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
28 August -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir R. Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
11 September	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Right Hon. Lord Fitzgerald. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna.
25 September	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P.
1883:	
9 October -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. Right Hon. W. H. F. Cogan, D.L. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
23 October -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. C. L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
6 November	Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
13 November	Right Hon. Mr. Justice Lawson. J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. David Ross., Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
20 November	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Lawson. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. Right Hon. W. H. F. Cogan, D.L. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
27 November	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. The Right Hon. and Most Rev. M. G. Beresford, Primate of all Ireland. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
4 December	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Right Hon. Lord Chief Justice Morris. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
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18 December	Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.

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3.—The Dates on which (a) Ordinary and (b) Special Meetings were held, &c.—*continued.*

Dates of Ordinary Meetings	Names of Commissioners present.
1884:	
8 January	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Right Hon Lord Chief Justice Morris. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
15 January -	Hon Mr. Justice O'Hagan. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
22 January -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
29 January -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
5 February -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
12 February -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
1884:	
19 February	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
26 February	Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Rev. Hugh Hanna. David Ross, Esq., Q.C., LL.D.
4 March -	J. W. Murland, Esq., A.M. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
11 March -	His Grace the Duke of Leinster. Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. E. G. Dease, Esq., J.P. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
18 March -	Hon. Mr. Justice O'Hagan. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Sir Robert Kane, LL.D., F.R.S. Rev. Hugh Hanna. Sir Patrick J. Keenan, K.C.M.G., C.B., Resident Commissioner.
25 March -	Sir John Lentaigne, C.B. Rev. Charles L. Morell. The Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

Note.—There were no special meetings of the Board during the year.

— 4. —

THE Number necessary to constitute a Quorum (if any), and the Number of Occasions (if any) on which the Attendance of Commissioners fell short of this Number.

Three Commissioners constitute a quorum.

There was no occasion during the year on which the attendance of Commissioners fell short of the number necessary to constitute a quorum.

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COMMITTEES, REGULATIONS, &c.

There are three Standing Committees of the Board thus defined by the Commissioners of National Education in a statement made to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Primary Education (Ireland), 1868.

I.—Finance Committee.

Duties.—To examine into the state of the funds of the Board, as reported by the accountant, and shown by the bank pass book.

To examine into all accounts and other claims for payment, and to make the necessary provision for such payment.

To recommend all expenditure to he incurred for keeping up the stock of hooks, requisites and apparatus; and for other miscellaneous matters necessary for carrying on the system of national education, not included in the transactions of the Sub-Committee and Agricultural Committee.

II.—Sub-Committee.

Duties.—The Sub-Committee considers all applications for aid, whether towards building and furnishing school houses, or towards the support of schools previously established; also all applications for salaries to teachers, assistant teachers, pupil teachers, and paid monitors.

The Sub-Committee also takes cognizance of all cases where it may be necessary to dismiss, fine, or otherwise punish the teacher of a national school for violation of rule or neglect of duty, or for any other act of misconduct.

It also determines in what instances it may be necessary to withdraw aid from a school or teacher.

It deals with special cases of the Inspectors' recommendations for promotion of teachers, or for awarding gratuities, premiums, &c., &c.

And it takes action in cases of violation of rules when not of a nature to require the special action of the Board; and transacts, besides, a variety of miscellaneous business not classed under any of the foregoing heads.

III.—Agricultural Committee.

Duties.—The Agricultural Committee takes cognizance of such business only as is exclusively connected with the Agricultural Department of the Board.

It recommends what grants should he made towards the establishment or the support of the agricultural schools.

It considers the suggestions made hy the Superintendent of the Agricultural Department, or by the Inspector of Agricultural Schools, for the proper working of the several model farms and other agricultural schools, and recommends for adoption such as are approved of.

It recommends the appointment and removal of agriculturists and of agricultural teachers.

It makes the necessary orders for supplying the model farms with seeds, implements, &c., &c., and takes such action generally as may be necessary for carrying on, with efficiency, the system of agricultural instruction.

The finance and sub-committees are constituted of the Resident Commissioner (or in his absence of another Commissioner), with the secretaries and chiefs of inspection.

The Agricultural Committee is constituted of the Resident Commissioner and several other Commissioners specially deputed by the Board for the purpose, with the senior secretary, or, in his absence, either of the other secretaries.

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(*Mr. Biggar.*)

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